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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Rome City Schools Details Plans for Schools Opening in the Fall**

Good evening RCS family,

I know this has been an eventful year and we are dealing with something that is unprecedented.

I want to thank each of you for being flexible as we transitioned last year from in-school to flexible learning. This upcoming year will be full of challenges for everyone, from students to teachers and parents. Your efforts and understanding are deeply appreciated.

**As we continue to prioritize the safety and health of our students and staff, Rome City Schools will delay the start of school for students.** Please note the following date change as it applies to the return of school.

The first day of school will be **August 13, 2020**. Depending on the latest COVID-19 data, a determination will be made later as to whether we begin on-site or with flexible learning for students. The RCS Virtual Academy will begin on this date regardless of the status of COVID-19.

In response to the bus transportation and sanitation process, start and end times of school will be altered. Times adjustments are as follows:

**Elementary School**

-Doors open: 7:15 a.m.

-Breakfast begins: 7:15 a.m.

-Students' instructional day: 7:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Middle School**

-Doors open: 8:00 a.m.

-Breakfast begins: 8:00 a.m.

-Students' instructional day: 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

**High School**

-Doors open: 7:30 a.m.

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-Breakfast begins: 7:45 a.m.

-Students' instructional day: 8:45 a.m. -3:45 p.m.

The date change allows more time to plan and prepare for the safe return of students.

The following link will provide additional details regarding the return to school plan for 2020-2021 and includes the application for our Virtual Learning Academy:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M2pJIRVedfW1oIaXp9jiv5ZsKcmUBv2UrlgDFr9BAkg/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you,

Louis Byars  
Superintendent  
Rome City Schools